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SUBJ: CCMS: NAC MEETING JULY 10: ITEM VII - COMMITTEE ON
THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY

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SUMMARY: COUNCIL APPROVED THE INITIATION OF NEW PILOT
STUDY ON ENERGY CONSERVATION, ACCEPTED FINAL REPORT ON
THE ROAD SAFETY STUDY, NOTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
APPROVED THE THREE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS AND NOTED
THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE TENTH CCMS PLENARY.
END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS OPENED ITEM BY PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR.
L. THIEBAULT, THE CCMS SECRETARY, RELATING HOW HE SPOKE
WITH MR. THIEBAULT AT TURIN JUST THREE DAYS BEFORE HIS
UNTIMELY DEATH. LUNS CONGRATULATED THE ITALIANS AND
ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PLENARY
MEETING IN TURIN, STATING IT WAS THE BEST ENVIRONMENTAL
EXPOSITION HE HAD SEEN. AFTER REVIEWING THE DOCUMENTS
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ON THE AGENDA, HE OBSERVED THAT THE PILOT COUNTRIES,
OF COURSE, WILL TAKE ALL STEPS TO AVOID DUPLICATION WHICH
HE CONSIDERED THEY HAVE DONE WITH GREAT SUCCESS TO DATE.
THE SYG ALSO NOTED THAT IRELAND AND SWEDEN WILL BE

OBSERVERS AT THE CCMS ELECTRIC LOAD MANAGEMENT MEETING, REGRETTING THAT THE USUAL TIME FOR ADVANCE NOTICE HAD TO BE SHORTENED AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS.

2. THE ITALIAN REP (BETTINI), ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH A TRIBUTE TO THIEBAULT WHO GAVE HIS LAST EFFORTS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TURIN MEETING. THE REPORT OF THIS MEETING INDICATES THE ALLIANCE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MEET ITS CCMS OBJECTIVES. FURTHER, HE STATED ITALY WAS QUITE HAPPY TO BE PARTICIPATING IN A NUMBER OF PILOT STUDIES. THE FRG REP (BOSS) CONGRATULATED ALL ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. HE SUGGESTED A SLIGHT CHANGE TO PARA. 4 OF THE COVER NOTE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THE COUNCIL NOTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY AND APPROVED THE THREE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS. BOSS FURTHER STATED THAT THE HAZARDOUS WASTE PROJECT MEETING FOR WHICH GERMANY WAS TO BE HOST IN JULY, HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 24-26 IN MUNICH. THE FRG WOULD WELCOME ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES IN THIS PROJECT. THE DANISH REP (NIELSEN) REFERRED TO THE COMMENTS OF HIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE TENTH PLENARY SESSION AND WISHED TO ADVISE THE COUNCIL THESE COMMENTS WERE STILL IN EFFECT. THE US REP (PRENDERGAST) ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ROAD SAFETY REPORT AS SUGGESTED BY THE FRG (REFTEL). IN COMMENTING ON THE TENTH PLENARY, HE DREW THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO THE MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON AT THAT TIME, AND TO THE PRESIDENT'S PRAISE FOR THE CCMS ACTIVITIES IN HIS JUNE 26 ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL AND HIS PARTICULAR COMMENTS ON THE ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. PRENDERGAST NOTED THAT US DEATHS IN VIET NAM CONFLICT OVER A NINE YEAR PERIOD WERE LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED ON THE HIGHWAYS IN THE U.S. IN ONE YEAR. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IMPLEMENTING THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROAD SAFETY STUDY CAN HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT UPON THE RATE OF DEATH AND INJURY ON OUR HIGHWAYS. LUNS RESPONDED, STATING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS HAD AN INTEREST IN THE CCMS WHICH HE HAD

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PERSONALLY INAUGURATED FIVE YEARS AGO.

3. THE UK REP (PECK) STATED THE ROAD SAFETY STUDY HAS DONE WELL, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPING RESOLUTIONS SUCH AS THOSE IN APPENDIX VII TO THE FINAL REPORT. THE FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATEAUD) CLOSED THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE WORDS OF PRAISE TO HIS COUNTRYMAN, MR. L. THIEBAULT, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT COULD APPROVE THE REPORTS, BUT HAVE DIFFICULTY REGARDING THE TRANSLATION OF "CONSERVATION OF ENERGY" INTO FRENCH. HE WISHED THE COUNCIL WOULD ACCEPT FOR USE IN FRENCH THE TERM "ECONOMIE" INSTEAD OF CONSERVATION. RUMSFELD

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